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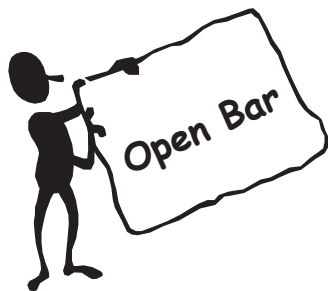


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*Deceased

President's Message



Brothers and Sisters of the Lodge:

Daily, we are reminded of how important our health is to us. These past two years, I have seen illness and injury befall many of our members and all we could do was hope and pray they would get through it. In most cases, our prayers did some good, and many of these fine people are recovering, but too many are still fighting the fight.

At a recent meeting, one of those members made a very moving appeal...he asked us all to realize that we can all give something other than prayers to help our fellow man. He asked if any of us ever read the back of our drivers license? Have you? He was speaking about the organ donor program, which reads: "I HEREBY MAKE AN ANATOMICAL GIFT TO BE EFFECTIVE UPON MY DEATH, OF

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When questioned about age, he explained that age may not matter, depending on the organ, its need and availability.

Many of us never consider this, primarily because we are getting up in age, and like myself, felt this was something for younger and healthier people to consider. This is not so...you would be surprised at how the medical profession has advanced and can harvest many organs from older donors.

It is really quite easy, and it may work as well as the prayers we give. Please consider this act of kindness and maybe one day you can make the difference for someone suffering.

On another note, I must apologize to all of our members about our Phone Tree messages. Over the years, this has proven itself to be a wise investment. We all understand the value of communication and this is one of the many tools we use to "get the word out".

Unfortunately, the program we used got old and dated. Jim Caravella donated a new computer to us and then tried to import the files from the older one. When he could not transfer the files, they had to be re-entered into the new computer.

After this was done, we began experiencing problems. Unfortunately, they only happened periodically, meaning some messages went out and others only went out in part. We tried everything to correct this, but since it was not consistent, it was very difficult to fix. After many months of working with the tech support people from Phone Tree, we finally located one of the problems...the modem we were using was damaged.

Timing is everything, and when we needed this device, it finally failed. The message for the January 21 Vegas never went out. Fortunately, we discovered this early on Friday and was able to contact the Phone Tree Tech who walked us through the process to get that message out.

Friday evening, I was advised that the mother of past president Clem Oropallo had passed away. No matter how many people tried to get the phone tree to work, it was to no avail. We then asked our webmaster, Sal, to send out emails to all the members asking them to notify any members they knew. We apologize to the Oropallo family but there was nothing we could do. I sincerely hope enough people got the word and paid their respects.

Remember, the Lodge scholarship applications are due March 31st and please take a number in our 300 Club.

Remember all the members of our Lodge who are ill and recovering especially Jim Caravella, Mike Feratto, Frank Ferrante, Pete Mastrocco, Fran Barone and Millie Misiano...and all the other members of our Lodge.

You only have one more message coming from me. Congratulations to the new Board who will be sworn in On March 6. Note the time, 2 PM here at the Lodge.

Respectfully,
John Vigianno

About Our Heritage . . . Valentine's Day is not celebrated as fanatically in Italy as it is in the United States, though lovers do give flowers and candy. The Umbrian town of Terni, that claims Saint Valentino as their patron saint, celebrates with a torchlight parade. *Carnevale* is the passion and one of the most popular festivals all over Italy, with the most well known celebrations in Venice and Viareggio.

In Venice, the carnival starts two weeks before Ash Wednesday and ends on Shrove Tuesday (Fat Tuesday/ the day before Ash Wednesday). People in costumes wander about the city, amidst the nightly entertainment and events, which include gondola and boat parades along the Grand Canal; mask parades in St. Mark's Square and the children's carnival in the Cannaregio district.

Viareggio, on the Tuscany Coast, is famous for its giant paper mache` floats used in parades on Shrove Tuesday, three Sundays before and the Sunday that follows; concerts, cultural events and masked balls occur throughout this season.

Another February festival, in Catania, Sicily, celebrates Saint Agatha's Feast Day, the second largest religious procession in the world. Following a mass at dawn, on February 4th, the statue of St. Agatha, that houses her relics, is placed on a *fercolo* (a 40,000 pound silver carriage) and pulled up Monte Sangiuliano by 5,000 men. This festival lasts for two days and two nights, accompanied, of course, by eating and drinking. Very little was known of her other than she dedicated her life to God and resisted man's advances. She was tortured and sentenced to death by being rolled naked on a bed of hot coal, which began to tremble like an earthquake causing part of the wall to fall on her condemners. St. Agatha, a martyr, died at the age of 15 and is the patron saint of Catania.

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1997 - 1999
Lucille Romanello
1995 - 1997
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1979 - 1981
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1977 - 1979
Marge Errico*
1975 - 1977
Fay Cantone*
1971 - 1975

* Deceased

Keep in Our Prayers

Please keep in our prayers all members who are sick: Paul Del Prete, Frank Ferrante, Pete Mastrocco, Peter Crescenti, Jim Caravella, Lucille Di Nardo, Marie Germano, Mike 'Doc' Ferrato, Connie Busini, Paul Coniglio, Jay Ardolino, Fran Barone, Nino Barraco, Marie Lambroia, Millie Misiano, Sue Bowe and Ann LoMeo.

Pray for the souls of the recently departed, especially Mary Grace Oropallo, mother of Past President Clem Oropallo.

Also, pray for our men and women serving in the Armed Forces.

Madame's Message



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The beauty of Winter snow is all around us, embrace it and enjoy it, as a quiet vacation day, especially when we are not able to venture out.

But as usual the Lodge Events continue to form and take place. The Men's and Ladies Nominating Board have all met and decisions have taken place and we will see these changes shortly. I would like to take this opportunity to Thank my Nominating Board for the many hours spent to make our new Board **the best yet. Thank you to Chairlady Ann Mastrocco, IPP Carmel Lamont, Fran Barone, Lucille DiNardo and Ada Plumitello. Many thanks** for a job well done.

By the time you read this our **Comedy Show** will have been over. All indications are that it will be a very unique evening of entertainment filled with laughter and relaxation shared with many. Many thanks to Paul Carosotto and his committee.

Approaching on Saturday, February 12th is our **Annual Valentine's Dance**. Chairlady is IPP Carmel Lamont and co-chairlady is Marie Diamante; make your reservations soon. This is a very Special night as we honor our lovely Lodge Queen Lauren Merlino at this dance. Lauren has represented our Lodge with much dignity.

Sunday, March 6th, we will be hosting our **Installation of New Officers**, when we will be honoring our new Ladies Auxiliary President, Debra Prestano and New Lodge President, Andy Filangeri and First Lady Ginger.

Ceremony will begin at 2pm; all are welcome. Join us in this celebration.

SAVE THE DATES, listed on our Calendar of Events for our upcoming Saints Day Social on March 17th.

Saturday March 19th is our Annual Heart Fund Dance, Chairlady Sabrina Savino and Co-chairlady Ginger Filangeri. At this dance, we honor St. Francis Hospital for all the good work they do.

Applications for Lodge, State and National Scholarships, can be obtained at the Lodge.

Remember that one of our assets is that we are a charitable organization. When you give of your time and effort, you are supporting the many charities we so proudly donate to. No donation is too small. Many thanks to all the members who so graciously support and attend our many functions, making this possible.

Thank you never seems enough to all our members who constantly help at our Bingo and Vegas Nights, we appreciate your support.

Please pray for our sick Millie Misiano, recovering from illness, and Fran Barone, recovering from hip surgery and in Huntington Hills Rehab.

Pray for our deceased members and for the safety of our Servicemen and Servicewomen who give us our freedom serving our Country.

May God Bless you and God Bless America!

*Fraternally,
President Diana*

DUES ARE LATE AFTER DECEMBER 31ST LODGE MEMBERS

This is a reminder that your dues for 2011 are overdue.

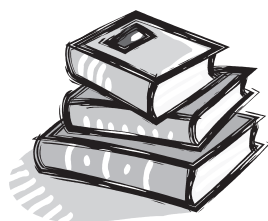
Dues were due on or before December 31st.

For the Lodge members, your dues are \$75 (\$45 for members age 62 and up, in good standing for five years).

Pay before December 31st to avoid being in arrears (loss of voting privileges and "good standing" status; which means you do not get the discount).

LADIES AUXILIARY MEMBERS

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February Birthdays

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Joe Garone	2/10
Peter Aglio	2/11
Jo Panarese	2/14
Rose Failla	2/15

February Birthdays

Fay Ferrante	2/17
Lucille Romanello	2/17
Josephine Verdi	2/17
Joe Ditta	2/18
Angelo Pernicone	2/22

February Anniversaries

Carol & Pete Nani	2/9
Ann & Pete Mastrocco	2/14

Editorial

February . . . the shortest month.



The year 2011 has dealt us some brutal beginnings. By now every snow blower procrastinator is done beating his butt with the shovel and death threats against prognosticator Punxsutawney Phil have diminished. And if you can say that fast, 3 times, perhaps you are good enough to have picked the Super Bowl winner on that Sunday better known as a day of man-mania.

Once we get beyond that and closer to the ides, we prepare for Valentine's Day. Traditionally a day on which lovers express love for one another . . . hmm, perhaps something that should be done everyday; and let Valentine's Day be Vendor Day, when merchants of cards, flowers and sweets make a profit off the mere physical treat.

DON'T FORGET YOUR SWEETHEART!

"I love you without knowing how, or when, or from where. I love you straightforwardly, without complexities or pride; so I love you because I know no other way than this: where I does not exist nor you, so close that your hand on my chest is my hand, so close that your eyes close as I fall asleep". ~ Pablo Neruda

~ Bob Savino



Dancing with the Stars **BALLROOM DANCE COMPETITION**

RESCHEDULED

Mark your Calendars

April 9th

Details to follow

UPCOMING EVENTS...HERE IN OUR LODGE AND IN THE ORDER



February 11—Gold Buying Party at Vegas.
February 12—Valentines Dance
March 6—Lodge Installation
March 17—Saint's Day Social
March 19—Heart Fund Dance
April 5—Cooley's Anemia Dine-A-Round
April 9—Dancing with the Stars . . . **REVISED DATE**
April 21—55-Alive Program

Important Notices

In case of Illness or death of a Brother Member or a Member of the Ladies Auxiliary Please Call:
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Monthly Newsletter

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Saints Day Social

Thursday

More details

March

to follow

17th



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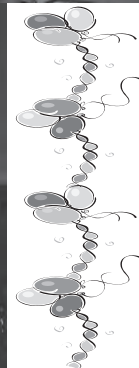
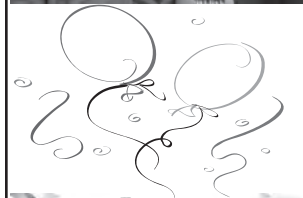
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**INSTALLATION OF LODGE OFFICERS
& LADIES AUXILIARY
CONSTATINO BRUMIDI LODGE #2211
SUNDAY MARCH 6th, 2011 @ 2 PM**



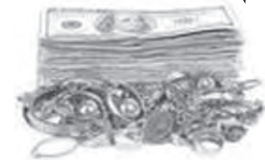
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STATE

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LOCAL (Lodge)

Application deadline is March 31, 2011.

FOR INFORMATION AND APPLICATIONS CALL TONY LAROCCA AT 321-4954 OR JACK BATTAGLIA AT 427-3425. APPLICATIONS CAN ALSO BE PICKED UP AT THE LODGE. PLEASE CALL FIRST.

February 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 TRUSTEE MTG.	2 Ballroom Dancing	3	4	5
6 DIST ONE PRESIDENTS	7 BINGO	8 LADIES BOARD	9 Ballroom Dancing	10 DIRECTORS Meeting	11 Gold Buying Party at VEGAS	12 Valentines Dance
13 CSJ Brunch	14 BINGO Valentines Day	15 MEN's GENERAL	16 Ballroom Dancing	17 DIRECTORS Meeting	18	19 VEGAS
20	21 BINGO PRESIDENTS DAY	22 LADIES GENERAL	23 Ballroom Dancing	24	25	26
27	28 BINGO					

Next Men's General Membership Meeting: Tuesday, February 15, 2011 8 PM
 Next Ladies Auxiliary General Membership Meeting: Tuesday, February 22, 2011 8 PM
 DEADLINE FOR NEXT "La Voce" - Friday, February 18, 2011

March 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 TRUSTEE MTG.	2 Ballroom Dancing	3	4	5
6 LODGE Installation DIST ONE PRESIDENTS	7 BINGO	8 LADIES BOARD	9 Ballroom Dancing	10 DIRECTORS Meeting	11 VEGAS	12
13	14 BINGO	15 MEN's GENERAL	16 Ballroom Dancing	17 Saints Day Social	18	19 Heart Fund Dance
20	21 BINGO	22 LADIES GENERAL	23 Ballroom Dancing	24	25 VEGAS	26
27	28 BINGO	29	30 Ballroom Dancing	31		

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